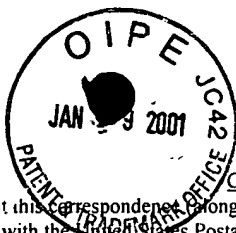


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Dear Sir:

Prior to performing substantive examination of the subject application, entry of the herein amendments is respectfully requested.